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Enclosed please find three (3) sets of color drawings (photographs) on proper paper for examination, copying, and archival purposes, for replacement of Figures 1 and 2, of sheet 1 of 2 of the drawings. Please amend the specification upon allowance of this Petition by inserting the following language as the first paragraph of the specification beginning a Brief Description of the Drawings, at page 6, line 2:

The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of 07/18/2005 this patent with the color drawing (s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon 130.00 DA request and payment of the necessary fee.

Substitute Specification Page 6 is enclosed. The parent application was initially filed with color photographs as Figures 1 and 2, and later, formal drawings replaced the photographs. See file history of Ser. No. 08/905,619, now U.S. Patent No. 6,141,870. A related second application incorporated by reference from the parent patent application. See file history of Ser. No. 09/694,099, now U.S. Patent No. 6,700,069. The instant related patent application incorporates by reference both the parent and the second application, as stated at the first line of page 2 of the application. Because the photographs were replaced, there is no new matter in re-replacing the drawings with the photographs.

The color photographs are believed by the undersigned to be the best practical medium to illustrate subject matter to be patented. The Examiner is directed to the drawings Figures 1 and 2, in comparison to the corresponding photographs Figures 1 and 2 to see that the color photographs provide contrast not available in black and white drawings.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235. Additionally, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 240-0824 if it can in any way expedite or ease the handling of this case. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted.

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